AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter:

1. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller for moving a conveyor, said roller comprising ~~a cylindrical rotatable roller having at least one non-rotatable cylindrical surface spaced axially and exteriorly from said rotational roller~~ a rotatable portion intermediate a first and second cylindrical non-rotatable surface, each said non-rotatable surface comprising a hollow tube extending axially outward from said rotational roller and wherein said hollow tubes have a diameter substantially the same as a diameter of said rotatable portion.

2. Cancelled

3. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 2 wherein said rotatable portion comprises a rotatable roller tube, and said hollow tubes ~~cylindrical surfaces are stationary~~ have a radial end surface.

4. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 3 wherein said roller tube includes a motor for rotating said roller tube.

5. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 4 wherein said first and second ~~cylindrical~~ hollow tubes are axially disposed about a central shaft~~; and said first cylindrical surface has a first diameter and said second cylindrical surface has a second diameter~~.

6. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 5 wherein said central shaft comprises a rotatable shaft portion disposed between said first and second ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes, and wherein ~~said roller tube has a diameter larger than said first and second diameter of said cylindrical surfaces so that~~ said roller tube contacts and moves said conveyor and said first and second cylindrical surfaces are spaced from said conveyor.

7. [currently amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 6 further including first and second stationary shafts, said rotatable shaft portion disposed axially and intermediate said first and second shafts ~~axially disposed relative said rotational shaft portions~~,

wherein said first and second stationary shafts are fixedly secured to said first and second ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes respectively.

8. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 7 wherein said rotatable shaft portion is carried by said motor.

9. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 8 wherein one end of said rotatable shaft portion presents a pinion for driving said rotatable roller tube.

10. [currently amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 9 wherein each of said ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes cover the ends of said rotatable portion, respectively so as to inhibit contacting said rotatable portion when said rotatable portion drives a conveyor belt.

11. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 10 wherein ~~said first and second cylindrical surfaces~~ each radial end surface is non-rotating.

12. [Original] A conveyor system as claimed in claim 11 wherein said stationary ends bar access to said rotatable roller tube when said stationary ends are accidentally contacted.

13. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller for supporting and driving a conveyor medium comprising:

(a) a hollow drum defining a rotatable supporting surface having a cylindrical shape disposed between a first and second ~~generally cylindrical~~ non-rotating hollow tube ~~surfaces each non-rotating surface~~ spaced axially outwardly from said rotatable support surface said hollow tubes having an outer diameter substantially the same as a diameter of said rotatable supporting surface;

(b) said first and second generally ~~cylindrical axially non-rotating surfaces~~ non-rotating hollow tubes co-axially secured to first and second spaced apart stationary shafts respectively;

(c) one end of each of said stationary shafts disposed internally of said hollow drum for carrying a driving ~~driver~~ means for rotating said hollow drum between said first and second spaced apart stationary shafts.

14. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 13 wherein ~~said hollow drum presents an outer diameter greater than the outer diameter of each of said generally cylindrical axially non-rotating surfaces; whereby~~ said outer diameter of said hollow drum drives said conveyor medium, and wherein the outer diameter of said hollow tubes ~~where said non-rotating surfaces~~ do not contact said conveyor medium.

15. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 14 wherein each said ~~non rotating surface~~ hollow tube includes a radial end for receiving said first and second spaced apart stationary shafts respectively, and wherein said radial ends are stationary.

16. [Previously Presented) A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 15 wherein said hollow drum includes a rotating shaft co-axially disposed between said stationary shafts.

17. (Currently Amended) A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 16 wherein said hollow drum presents a first end flange and a second end flange; and roller bearing means disposed between said first and second end flanges and said first and second hollow tubes ~~generally cylindrical non-rotating surfaces~~ respectively.

18. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 17 wherein said first and second hollow tubes ~~non-rotating surfaces~~ are axially spaced from said first and second flanges.

19. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 18 wherein said non-rotating hollow tubes ~~surfaces~~ are secured to said stationary shafts.

20. [Currently Amended] A method of inhibiting contact with a motorized rotatable conveyor roller driving a conveyor medium by placing said motorized rotatable conveyor roller having a diameter and two opposite ends between a pair of opposed generally cylindrical non-rotatable ~~rollers~~ hollow tubes extending axially and exteriorly from said motorized rotatable roller, where the diameter of said ~~motorized rotatable conveyor roller~~ hollow tubes ~~is selected so as to contact and drive said conveyor medium, and where the diameter of the non-rotatable rollers is selected so as not to contact said conveyor medium, and cover the ends of said rotatable portion~~ are substantially the same as said diameter of rotatable conveyor roller.

21. (New) A motorized conveyor roller having a rotatable roller with a diameter and a hollow tube having a diameter substantially the same as said rotatable roller, and co-axially disposable at one end of said roller.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 2 is objected to because the language is inconsistent in terms of plural and singular language.

Kindly note that claim 2 has been cancelled.